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R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

I. O. O. F.

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

VICTORIA, B. C., 12th February, 1877.

The Grand Lodge convened this day at 11 o'clock A.M., at Odd Fellows' Hall. Present:

J. P. Davies.....	M. W. Grand Master.
R. Roberts.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
C. Hayward.....	R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. Wriglesworth.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
T. R. Mitchell.....	W. Grand Marshal.
H. Waller.....	W. Grand Guardian.
J. Davies.....	W. Grand Conductor.
A. Phillips.....	W. Grand Herald.
W. J. Jeffree (pro tem.).....	W. Grand Chaplain.

Prayer being offered to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for business, a quorum being present.

The G. M. appointed T. R. Mitchell and W. D. McKillican on Committee on Credentials.

Credentials of Representatives and Past Grands were then read and referred to Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows, that

J. M. Read,
T. R. Mitchell,
C. Gowen,
C. Hayward,

A. Phillips,
J. D. Robinson,
J. Weiler,
J. Sehl,

J. S. Drummond,
R. Roberts,
F. Carne,
J. Davies,

Of No. 1.

L. Wilton,
H. Waller,
W. J. Jeffree,

R. W. Fawcett,
J. P. Goodhue,
J. P. Davies,

J. H. Meldram,
W. Harrison,
M. Humber,

Of No. 2.

B. W. Shiles,

H. Elliott,

J. T. Scott,

Of No. 3.

J. Wriglesworth,
T. Shotbolt,

C. Todd,

M. J. Goode,
W. D. McKillican,

Of No. 4.

Are duly accredited Representatives to this R. W. Grand Lodge; and would also report that

W. H. Huxtable,
E. C. Holden,
S. T. Styles,

G. W. Anderson,
H. Gribble,
C. Hegele,

J. York,
T. J. Partridge,
J. Gosnell,

Of No. 1.

A. B. Gray,
J. Fell,

E. B. Marvin,
L. Vigelius,

Of No. 2.

H. Smith, of No. 4.

Are entitled to seats in this R. W. Grand Lodge, and also report

F. Carne, { of No. 1.

E. A. Sharpe, { of No. 2.

J. P. Goodhue, { of No. 2.

L. Wilton, { of No. 3.

B. W. Shiles of No. 3.

W. C. Loye, { of No. 4.

C. Todd, { of No. 4.

Are entitled to receive the G. L. degree.

From Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, no representative present, or certificate sent to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

T. R. MITCHELL,
W. D. MCKILLICAN,
M. HUMBER,

Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the report of Committee was received, and the Grand Marshal instructed to retire and introduce the new members.

J. P. Goodhue, { of No. 2.

L. Wilton, { of No. 2.

B. W. Shiles, ... of No. 3.

W. C. Loye, { of No. 4.

C. Todd, { of No. 4.

being in waiting, were introduced by the Grand Marshal and duly instructed in the Grand Lodge degree.

The following were appointed to fill vacancies in Standing Committees:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—W. C. Loye, of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS—J. T. Scott, of No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES—J. P. Goodhue, of No. 2; J. M. Read, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS—B. W. Shiles, of No. 3.

Next in order being Report of Grand Master, it was read as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

I feel much pleasure in greeting you on this Our Third Annual Communication, and being assembled in our Legislative capacity to review the past, and legislate for the future welfare of our Order. As the Representatives of the Odd Fellows in this jurisdiction we meet again in their behalf to protect their interest and to perpetuate a principle to us the most sacred and most beneficial to mankind.

Another year has been added to the past. We meet to-day under peculiar circumstances—the proud and the humble meeting on one common footing. We are again gathered together with one great object in view, that object, the teachings of our beloved Order fully explain, and it should ever be our guide. Happy in this knowledge and thankful that he who guides us through life has made us the recipients of so many material benefits, therefore let us return thanks to the Father of all good for His benign protection in the past, and grant us a continued prosperity in the future. May wisdom guide you in your deliberations. May peace and good will guide your every word and action, and when we again part may it be with the knowledge that we have done our duty to those we have represented.

I regret my anticipations to be able to report to you the formation of new Lodges has not been successful, not for the want of energy or lack of assistance of the Brotherhood, but from the fact that the Province is suffering from great commercial depression and Confederation disappointments, and unless a marked change or re-action soon takes place, I am almost certain it will be many years before this jurisdiction will be in a position to claim the right of having a paid Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

My report shall be as brief as is consistent with the subjects necessary to present to your notice my official acts during the past year.

The financial position of the Order and list of membership I have no doubt you will receive full and ample particulars from the Grand Secretary.

On the 5th of March last I received from the Grand Secretary, letters and correspondence (numbered 1 to 7) between Ahmeek Lodge, No. 150, of Ishpeming, Michigan, and Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, of this district; copies of which I sent to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, calling their attention

to the facts and hardship of the case as regards Black Diamond Lodge, and to which as yet I have received no answer. My opinion is, as our late Brother, E. Rodgers, received only that to which he was entitled as a member of the Order, in good standing, and as Ahmeek Lodge, No. 150, Michigan, asserts that their funds are depleted, it would be only right that this jurisdiction should come to the relief of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, in case they require the same.

On the 30th of March, I received from Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, a communication respecting some money paid over to P. G. Thos. Harris, due the late Brother T. R. Johnson, and Brother Harris' reply to same; numbered No. 8 and 9 referred to Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

On the 25th of March I issued a proclamation to each and every Lodge in this jurisdiction that I had set apart the 26th day of April, 1876, being the anniversary of our Order in America, as a day of thanksgiving, as follows:

I. O. O. F.

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

"IN FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH."

SENDETH GREETING.

To the Noble Grands, Officers and members of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction:—

Whereas the Fifty-Seventh Anniversary of the establishment of our Order is fast approaching, and in recognition of the benevolence and charities it dispenses, the fraternal care it takes of those in need, and of its influence—especially in British Columbia—and in consideration that this is the Centennial year of that great country in which the Independent Order was first established, and in grateful thanks given to the Supreme Ruler for the marked preservation and progress of the Order in this Province; therefore

I, J. P. Davies, M. W. Grand Master, by virtue of the power in me vested, do hereby enjoin on all Lodges to take immediate action for the proper observance of the 26th day of April, 1876, appearing in regalia as they may elect.

J. P. DAVIES,

Grand Master.

On October 5th, I received from Past Grand Master, John Weiler, a communication from M. W. Grand Master of R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, respecting the advisability of changing the name of Grand Lodge of United States to Supreme Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to instruct the Grand Representative to vote for the same in G. L. of U. S.

On November 10th, I received from the Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgley, a communication for this jurisdiction. The same has been laid before the Subordinate Lodges, but I am

sorry to say without those good results which are so proverbial to British Columbia in all cases of charity.

I regret our Grand Representative did not visit the G. L. U. S., when I spoke with him on the subject. Representative Drummond replied, "if my Lodge wishes me to go to the Grand Lodge, U. S., they ought to pay part of my expenses." It was impossible to get a definite answer from him whether he intended to go or not. It is a pity this Grand Lodge was not represented in G. L., U. S. It is to be hoped the Representative will either resign his position or pledge himself to meet the G. L., U. S. at its next sessions.

DEGREE LODGES.

I would recommend that the Lodges among themselves form a Degree Lodge, then all Brothers would receive the several degrees in a uniform manner, each Lodge paying one dollar for each member receiving the same; this fund will enable the Degree Lodge to obtain suitable regalia.

I would also recommend an early formation of Rebecca Degree Lodges, as they are much needed in this jurisdiction.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

In June last visited Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, accompanied by D. D. G. Master Jeffree, of District No. 1, and although not received with that cordiality we had a right to expect, we aided them with our advice and instructions, and offered to wait over for the purpose of installing the elected officers, but declined to install them on the night they met as it was the last night in the old term, and not the regular Lodge night.

In June last, accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Roberts, paid a fraternal visit to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, and stopped with them for the purpose of instructions.

Accompanied by the Grand Officers, I have made the following fraternal visits: May 8, Victoria Lodge, No. 1; May 10, Columbia Lodge, No. 2; May 11, Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

On July 3rd, installed into their respective Chairs the officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1; July 5th, Columbia Lodge, No. 2; July 6th, Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

On 3rd January, 1877, accompanied by the Officers of the Grand Lodge, I installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2; 4th January, Dominion Lodge, No. 4; 8th January, Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

Accompanied by Deputy Grand Master Richard Roberts and Worthy Grand Herald Past Grand A. Phillips, on January 12th, 1876, by invitation, we visited New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, for the purpose of installing the officers and

dedicating the new hall. This was a grand day for New Westminster Lodge, as the dedication of the new hall and installation of officers took place in public, the principal citizens, both ladies and gentlemen, being present. The hall and its fittings are a credit to the district and the members thereof, and it affords me much pleasure to report on their prosperous condition. And I take pleasure in availing myself of the present opportunity to thank the Brotherhood of New Westminster for their kind attention to myself and officers during our official visits.

DISPENSATIONS.

In August three of the Lodges made applications for dispensations to appear in Regalia on the arrival and reception of His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin; in accordance with the same I issued the following public notice:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, B. C., August 10, 1877.

Any Lodge of the I. O. O. F. subordinate to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia and jurisdictions thereunto belonging desiring so to do, is hereby authorized by this dispensation to appear in Public Procession on the day of welcoming His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin in full Regalia or otherwise, as such Lodge or Lodges may elect.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the R. W. Grand Lodge, the day and date above written.

J. P. DAVIES.

Grand Master.

On December 27, dispensation was granted to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to appear in Regalia (by invitation) at a Masonic Ball at New Westminster.

D. D. GRAND MASTERS' REPORTS.

I have much pleasure in laying before you reports from our worthy District Deputy Bro. Scott, who speaks in flattering terms of the prosperity of District No. 2:

In answer to when is a Brother in arrears, I refer you to your own By-Laws, Section 1 of Article 22, Page 40: "No member who is thirteen weeks in arrears shall be entitled to vote upon any question, neither shall he be entitled to receive pecuniary benefits of this Lodge (except he be absent from the city) in which case he shall be allowed an additional two months' time." I am aware this is a hard question, and to be more definitely expressed, dues accrue weekly. I therefore sustain the appeal of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, a brother owing thirteen weeks' dues is not entitled to benefits.

In answer to 2nd question—The Junior Past Grand is compelled to bring charges against the Noble Grand if he loses the books of the Lodge, but on no other charge is it compulsory for him to bring charges.

I have much pleasure in laying before you the report received from D. D. G. Master, Brother Jeffree.

With respect to the case of Brother John Murray, I have to make a qualified decision. In the appeal you will notice the accounts stands as follows:

1876.		1876.	
January 1, to balance	- - - \$4 00	June 6, by cash	- - - \$6 00
March 31, to dues	- - - 3 00	June 26, by cash	- - - 4 00
June 30, to dues	- - - 3 00		

The last amount of \$4 was paid in after the Brother was reported out of standing, he being then sick). On January 1st, \$1 of the amount then owing is admitted, was two assessments. I have no facts to show that any law (or custom even) is in force in Victoria Lodge, No. 1, to say what time such assessments are to be charged as dues; if none, then Brother Murray was in good standing. But if on the other hand Victoria Lodge by general usage or custom have a stated time when assessments are to be charged as dues, then I must confirm the decision of Brother Jeffree. I would call the attention of the Representatives to the G. L. proceedings, vol 2, page 1318, report from the committee on the state of the Order. That the dues to a Lodge accrue weekly, and only for the convenience of the Lodge are paid at stated periods; it is therefore at any time the right of a Brother to pay his dues; but the committee are also of opinion that in case a Brother has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be declared by the rules of his own Subordinate Lodge from drawing benefits while sick, he cannot be permitted while he continues sick to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits, since any injury would be thereby inflicted on such members of the Lodge as are regular in payment of their dues; the Brother by his own acts has committed wrong, and it would be improper to permit him to derive benefit from his own negligence.

With respect to the decision of Deputy Jeffree on the question of fines and assessments (to Columbia Lodge No. 2) as to the proper time when they can be charged as dues against a Brother. Whilst I admit the correctness of the quotations of the digest of the G. L. of California, at the same time we are now working under the laws of the G. L. of British Columbia, notwithstanding we have no law in contradiction to this matter, still they are correct. (see White digest 165, page 39.) The By-Laws of Columbia Lodge has no special law on the matter, and as it is admitted that the custom of the Lodge has been to allow 12 months to intervene before they can be charged as dues, I must reverse the decision of the Deputy G. M., as custom makes laws, until such time as proper By-Laws are made bearing on this question. Columbia Lodge can only charge fines and assessments one year after they are levied. I trust this Grand Lodge will make laws bearing on this case at this present sessions.

The other decisions of Brother Jeffree are approved.

From District Deputy of No. 3, I have received no report.

GRAND LODGE, U. S.

I would call attention of this G. Lodge to the delay in not receiving the yearly reports and proceedings of the G. L., U. S.

I would recommend that we petition the G. L., U. S., to set aside our portion of G. L. assessment for the purpose of assisting the Grand Representative to visit the G. L., U. S.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is my duty to call the several Lodges' attention (through their Representatives) to their financial position. Heretofore we have been very successful in getting new members, which has augmented our funds. We have been fortunate in escaping the small-pox that was so lately among us, and with the small amount among the Order we do not make the pro-

gress we should. Should any epidemic unfortunately come among us, notwithstanding our apparent prosperity, the Lodges in two or three months would become bankrupt. We receive per week about 23 cts., and pay to a scarlet member \$10. As the dues now stand we receive pay for 48 weeks only, and pay out for 52 weeks. I would suggest a committee be appointed to look into the state of the Order in this matter and provide a graduating scale of benefits and report thereon.

I would recommend the formation of a Mutual Life or Widow and Orphan Relief Association; each Brother paying \$1 on the death of a Brother in good standing. The whole of the assessment to be paid to the family of the deceased.

Steps have been taken to bring the Cemetery question before the House of Assembly in a proper shape with, I hope, a favorable result.

On August 12th, under the auspices of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, a grand excursion to Albert Head was held. I had the honor of being an invited guest, and noticed among the ladies a goodly sprinkling of Sisters of Rebecca. The excursion proved a pleasant episode in my official year, and had the effect of re-uniting the families of the Brotherhood.

I would recommend that the Outside Guardian receive the sum of \$25 for his attendance at this Grand Lodge Sessions.

I would also recommend that the travelling expenses of the Grand Instructor be paid by this Grand body.

In conclusion, I would thank the Brothers for the many acts of kindness and courtesy I have received during my Official term.

To Deputy Grand Master Richard Roberts, I am greatly indebted for the great assistance he has rendered in District No. 2, more particularly in his official capacity as Grand Instructor. To District Deputies Jeffree and Scott, the thanks of the several Districts are due for the very efficient attention to their duties.

I have again to thank the Brothers for their patient attention. Wishing all a prosperous journey through life, I remain

Yours Fraternally,

J. P. DAVIES,

Grand Master.

Moved by J. S. Drummond, P. G. M., Representative of No. 1, That a committee of three be appointed to distribute subjects in Grand Master's report, seconded by J. Weiler, P. G. M., Representative of No. 1, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.—T. R. Mitchell, Rep. of No. 1; J. H. Meldram, Rep. of No. 2; W. D. McKillican, Rep. of No. 4.

Report of Grand Secretary read, and on motion referred to Finance Committee.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,

VICTORIA, B. C., 12th February 1877.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I beg respectfully to submit the following report of the transactions of this office during the past year:

The whole number of Lodges are	-	-	-	-	5
Number of members in good standing	-	-	-	-	492
Initiated during the year	-	-	-	-	52
Admitted by Card	-	-	-	-	3
Admitted as Ancient O. F.	-	-	-	-	none
Withdrawn	-	-	-	-	8
Reinstated	-	-	-	-	4
Suspended	-	-	-	-	1
Expelled	-	-	-	-	none
Rejected	-	-	-	-	8
Ceased membership for non-payment of dues	-	-	-	-	13
Resigned	-	-	-	-	none
Deceased	-	-	-	-	3
Number of Past Grands	-	-	-	-	54
Amount of annual receipts of Lodges to Dec. 31, 1876					\$10,715 51

Balance Sheet Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.,
12th February, 1877.

Folio.	Account.	Dr.	Cr.
9	Stock Account	22 00	
22	Grand Treasurer	172 60	
31	Victoria Lodge, No. 1	5 00	
37	Dominion Lodge, No. 4	2 50	
39	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5		10
41	Profit and Loss		351 50
43	Furniture and Regalia	149 50	
		\$351 60	\$351 60

Amount of Cash received during the year.

From Black Diamond Lodge, draft on States	-	-	42 00
For Supplies from various Lodges	-	-	29 50
Tax term ending 30th June, 1876:			
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	-	113 75	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	-	89 05	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	-	17 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	-	49 40	
			269 20
For Tax term ending 31st December, 1876:			
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	-	44 50	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	-	35 25	
New Westminster No. 3	-	12 75	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	-	18 00	
			110 50
Whole amount of Cash received and paid over to R. W. Grand Treasurer	-	-	451 20

Amount of Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer.

1876.									
Feb. 19—Order No. 1,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$20 00
March 1 " 2,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 87
April 20 " 3,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
May 6 " 4,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
May 31 " 5,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Sep. 23 " 6,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 50
" " 7,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 25
" " 8,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71 85
Nov. 13 " 9,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35 00
Dec. 29 " 10,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28 50
Feb. 12 " 11,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77 50
									<u>\$373 47</u>

SUMMARY.

Cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at last report	-	\$	94 87
Total amount of cash received	-	-	451 20
			<u>546 07</u>
Less orders issued	-	-	373 47
Leaving a balance in hands of Grand Treasurer of	-	-	<u>\$172 60</u>

STOCK ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Stock on hand at last report,	37 90	
1 order book purchased during the year	5 50	
	<u>43 40</u>	
Sold during the year:		
50 Visiting Cards		12 50
6 Withdrawal Cards		1 50
10 Diplomas		10 00
50 Odes		5 00
1 Order book		6 50
Profit on sales made	14 10	
Stock still on hand:		
8 Degree books	\$ 4 00	
Orders for P. W.	1 50	
84 Visiting Cards	12 60	
26 Withdrawal Cards	3 90	
Total	\$22 00	
Being the balance to Dr. of said account as per balance sheet		22 00
	<u>\$ 57 50</u>	<u>57 50</u>

AMOUNTS OWING BY SUBORDINATES.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1	-	\$	5 00
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	-	-	2 50

LODGES OVERPAID.

Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.	-	-	00 10
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Names of Subordinate Lodges with the number of Representatives each is entitled to at the present session of this R. W. Grand Lodge:

Victoria Lodge, No. 1	-	-	-	12	Representatives.
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	.	.	.	9	"
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	-	-	-	3	"
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	-	-	-	5	"
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	-	-	-	3	"

I have received the semi-annual returns from each Lodge in the jurisdiction in due course, but in many instances incorrectly made out, especially for the last half year. Secretaries are not careful enough; for instance, placing members who have ceased membership for non-payment of dues, under the heading of those suspended, thus giving me the trouble of picking them out. New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, in making up the annual report have only given returns for the half year, and there is not time to send it back for correction. The Secretary seems to have the idea that the semi-annual report, made on 30th June last, is part of the annual one; when, if he had compared the two forms, they would at a glance have shown that the information required is quite distinct. Another important omission is the want of the Lodge Seal on both semi-annual and annual returns.

From Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, I received papers regarding a claim against Ahmeek Lodge for relief to a sick Brother, which I handed to the M. W. Grand Master; he will, I presume, allude to the same in his report.

I received several Amendments to By Laws of Victoria and Columbia Lodges, which I handed to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and they will no doubt hand in a report upon the same.

No appeals have during the year been sent to this Office, but I understand that Brother W. J. Jeffree, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1, received documents regarding an Appeal from a suspended member, but he informed me verbally he had forwarded the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals.

I received from the Grand Lodge of Ontario a circular containing instructions in regard to the changing of name of G. L., U. S., and which I attach to this report for any action this Grand Body may think fit to take in the matter.

In the month of March last I received a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. Masons, regarding the right of burial in the Public Cemetery, and I handed the letter to the Committee appointed by the Subordinate Lodges who were acting at the time in the matter. I mention the receipt of this letter here for the reason that it came through my hands as Grand Secretary of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the different State Grand Bodies through the courtesy of the several Secretaries, and I mailed a copy of our last session's proceedings to each in return, as well as to several Brothers of the Order, who wrote to me desiring the same.

I received during the year a mass of correspondence far too large to report upon, but I believe I have replied to all requiring a reply, and do not consider it necessary to do more than give a notice of the same in my report, there being nothing to bring before this Grand Body to deliberate upon in the said correspondence.

I am pleased to note that from the returns of Lodges, there is an increase of 33 in membership since last report, and of Lodge receipts an increase of \$729 15 but as yet no new Lodges have come into existence.

In conclusion I have to thank the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, as well as the Subordinate Lodges for the their uniform kindness and assistance given when required by me, the past year having been one of the most laborious ones I ever had to go through.

Annexed are abstracts of reports from Subordinate Lodges to be appended to proceedings when printed.

Fraternally submitted,
J. D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.

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Report of Grand Treasurer read and on motion referred to Committee on Finance:

VICTORIA, B. C., February 26th, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:

I herewith submit the following report for the year ending this date, of receipts and expenditures on behalf of this R. W. Grand Lodge, viz:

1876.

RECEIPTS.

February 14th—Balance on hand as per last Treasurer's report - - \$94 87

1877.

February 12th—Cash received from Grand Secretary at sundry times during the year - - - - - 451 20

\$546 07

EXPENDITURE.

Orders Nos. 1 to 11 favor sundry persons - - \$373 47

1877.

February 12th—Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer - - \$172 60

Fraternally yours,

J. WRIGLSWORTH,

G. T.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The G. L. resumed its sitting at 2 o'clock, p. m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

F. Carne, P. G., of No. 1, being in waiting, was introduced by the Grand Marshal and duly instructed in the G. L. Degree.

Report of Committee on appeals read as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., February 8th, 1877.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee on Appeals beg to submit the following report:

Brother E. Fletcher, }

vs.

Brother Thos. Harris, P. G. }

Dominion Lodge No. 4.

Charges were made against defendant on the 25th of May, 1876, by Brother E. Fletcher of that Lodge, accusing him of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, inasmuch as he did receive from Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, in the year 1874, the sum of \$62 50, to be forwarded to San Francisco, California, in payment of the account of T. Rodgers Johnson against the Lodge, for regalia furnished, and you are therefore charged with detaining the money for a period of nearly two years.

(Signed)

E. FLETCHER.

To the above charges the defendant pleaded not guilty

A Committee having been appointed by the Lodge, consisting of P. G. Thos. Shotbolt, P. G. J. Wriglesworth, P. G. M. J. Goode, P. G. W. D. McKilligan, and Hy. Smith, P. G.

After a careful hearing they found the defendant guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, on the specified charges.

The defendant was afterwards, by vote of the Lodge, suspended for the term of five years. He appeals to the Grand Lodge from such judgment; there are many assignments of error, but one of which is deserving of notice: the first and second of which respecting the absence of one of the committee, and second the report being signed by an absentee, who had not heard the evidence, was condoned by the action of the defendant's counsel: third, "the Noble Grand to prepare their ballots upon the word expulsion, or suspension must be written." This was clearly an error. The N. G. has no right to dictate to a brother how he shall vote on any question; some of the Brethren might have desired to vote against both expulsion and suspension, believing that a reprimand, or fine would be ample punishment, and if so they had a perfect right to vote as they pleased.

The fourth that the penalty is excessive is a question which it is not competent for this Committee to deal with, but is for the Lodge which has the facts before it.

It is therefore ordered, the action of the Lodge be reversed, only for the purpose of a new ballott on the question of the extent or nature of punishment to be imposed.

Furthermore, we cannot separate without calling the attention of this Grand Lodge that a serious charge is insinuated against some Brother connected with one of the Lodges in this City by the administrators of the late Brother T. Rodgers Johnson, and would respectfully suggest that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Body, be instructed to apply to the said administrators for the name of said Brother, and the specific charges against the same Brother, as we consider as the question now stands every Brother of this jurisdiction has the suspicion resting upon him of being the delinquent.

JAMES FELL, P. G.

John H. MELDRAM, P. G.

JOSEPH YORK, P. G.

THS. SHOTBOLT, P. G.

Committee on Appeal.

Moved by Representative Mitichell, of No. 1, that the report be laid on the table for further consideration, seconded by Representative Meldram of No. 2.

Moved as an amendment by Representative Gowen, of No. 1, that the report of Committee be adopted; seconded by Representative Wriglesworth, of No. 4, and on being put to the vote was carried.

Committee on Laws of Subordinates reported as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates would respectfully submit the following report:

Since the Session of this Grand Lodge, your Committee have had submitted to them for examination, the following amendments:

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

AMENDMENT TO ART. XVIII.

SEC. 1.—14TH LINE.

After the words "should be elected," "A certificate of good health signed by the Physician appointed by this Lodge must be in possession of the Lodge before he can be initiated."

Approved.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

AMENDMENT TO ART. XI.

PAGE 33, ARTICLE XI.

Instead of the second sentence the following be substituted:

Viz: The N. G. shall appoint when necessary a competent nurse to attend to members when sick. Each member shall be assessed the sum of fifty (50) cents when necessary, and the total amount of said assessment be carried to the credit of an account which shall be opened in the Ledger under the head of "Nurse Account;" all monies paid to the nurse shall be charged to said account, and the Lodge shall levy a further assessment of not over fifty (50) cents on each member when required.

Approved.

By-Law regulating fines and assessment.

That all fines and assessments be entered in a Petty Ledger and at the end of each term, June 30th, and Dec. 31st, respectively, they shall be transferred into the regular Ledger and shall stand as dues against a Brother, and be governed in all respects by Section 1. of Article XXII of our By-Laws. Providing that each Brother receive notice of his standing when fines and assessments are charged as dues against him.

Approved.

AMENDMENT.

PAGE 37, ARTICLE 18, SECTION 2.

That the physician appointed by the Lodge to examine candidates for membership shall report in writing to the Secretary, before the candidate can be initiated, and the Lodge shall pay for each medical certificate the sum of three (\$3) dollars which shall be collected from the candidate at the same time as the initiation fee.

Approved.

AMENDMENT ON TRUSTEES.

ARTICLE X.

The two first lines to be struck out and the following words substituted, viz: Three Trustees shall be elected by Ballot at the last meeting in June, 1876. The Brother receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for three years, then the next highest two years, and the lowest for one year; and one Trustee shall be elected annually for a term of three years. All vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled in regular manner for the unexpired term.

Approved.

Your Committee would call attention to the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges always to sign and attach the Lodge Seal to all additions and amendments to be submitted to your Committee, as we notice that the By-Law on fines and assessments from Columbia Lodge, returned for signature and seal, was considered not approved, although your Committee did approve of the By-Law on June 27th, 1874, and merely referred it back for signature and seal. All of which is submitted.

JOSHUA DAVIES, (Chairman)
JOHN M. READ,
J. P. GOODHUE.

Moved by Representative Weiler, of No. 1, that the report be laid on the table, seconded by Representative Gowen, of No. 1, and carried.

Report of Committee on Finance read as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., February 12th, 1877.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF B. C.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:

Your Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Grand Sec-

retary and Grand Treasurer, and have much pleasure in reporting them correct.

M. J. GOODE,
R. W. FAWCETT,
W. C. LOYE.

Committee on Finance.

Moved by Representative Gowen of No. 1, that the report be adopted; seconded by Representative Davies, of No. 1., and carried.

Report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates taken from the table, and after being considered seriatim, moved by Representative Weiler of No. 1, that the report as a whole be accepted and adopted seconded by Representative Gowen of No. 1, and carried.

Representative Hayward of No. 1, gave the following notice of motion, which was laid on the table:

That all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction may, when their regular night of meeting happens to fall on any public holiday, hold their regular meeting on another evening—provided that a resolution to that effect be passed at the regular meeting immediately preceding.

Report from Committee on distribution of subjects in Grand Master's report was read as follows:

HALL OF G. L. OF B. C., February 12th 1877.

TO THE R. W. G. M., OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

Your Committee on Distribution on the Grand Master's report, beg most respectfully to report—

That as much of the report as refers to correspondence between Ahmeek Lodge, No. 150, and Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and also the communication of Black Diamond Lodge No. 5, and Dominion Lodge No. 4, also that portion referring to the establishing a Degree Lodge be referred to Committee on legislation.

So much as refers to decisions of G. M. and Deputies, be referred to Committee on the state of the Order.

That portion relating to finance and also the payment of Janitor, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

So much as refers to the G. L., U. S., be adopted, except the remarks reflecting on our late Representative, which should be struck out, as the G. M. or G. S. made no attempt for assistance.

JOHN H. MELDRAM,
T. R. MITCHELL,
W. McKILLICAN.

Moved by Representative Gowen, of No. 1, that the report be adopted; seconded by Representative Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

Representative Mitchell, of No. 1, on behalf of Committee appointed last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, to present a testimonial to Grand Secretary Robinson, in a few appro-

priate remarks presented a handsome gold pen and pencil case, with the following inscription engraved thereon:

I. O. O. F.

PRESENTED BY G. L. OF B. C. TO

J. D. ROBINSON, G. S.

The recipient replied, thanking the Grand Lodge for their gift which was highly prized by him, and also thanking the members for their uniform kindness and assistance rendered to him on all occasions, since the formation of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

On motion the G. L. took a recess until 8:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The G. L. resumed its sitting at 8:30 p. m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Report read from Special Committee appointed last session, to procure a set of Regalia during the interim for the Grand Officers.

VICTORIA, B.C., 12th February, 1877.

To the R.W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: Your committee appointed last session of this R.W. Grand Lodge, to secure a suitable set of regalia, during the interim beg to report that they sent for a new set of jewels, which have been placed in possession of the respective officers; the cost of which, amounting to \$28 50, has been paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge. The regalia they considered it better to defer for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DAVIES,
JAMES D. ROBINSON,
J. WRIGLESWORTH.

Committee.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, "That the report be received, and the committee be discharged."

Seconded by Rep. Weiler, of No. 1, and carried.

Attention was called to errors in the printed proceedings of last session, which were ordered to be corrected as follows:

FIRST—On page 54, report of Committee on Finance, instead of the words "our representative," it should read "one representative."

SECOND—On page 89, Article 3, sec. 6, for "Grand Lodge of California," read "Grand Lodge of British Columbia."

The hour having arrived for nomination and election for officers, the following Past Grands were nominated:

For M. W. G. M.

R. Roberts, P.G., Rep. of No. 1, nominated by M. J. Goode, P.G., Rep. of No. 4.

C. Gowen, P.G.; Rep. of No. 1, nominated by J. Fell, P.G., of No. 2.

For R. W. D. G. M.

C. Hayward, P.G., Rep. of No. 1, nominated by J. S. Drummond, P.G.M. Rep. of No. 1.

J. Sehl, P.G., Rep. of No. 1, nominated by W. D. McKillican, P.G., Rep. of No. 4.

W. J. Jeffree, P. G., Rep. of No. 2, nominated by J. Davies, P. G., Rep. of No. 1.

For R. W. G. W.

J. T. Scott, P. G., Rep. of No. 3, nominated by M. J. Goode, P. G., Rep. of No. 4.

For R. W. G. Sec.

J. D. Robinson, P. G., Rep. of No. 1, nominated by J. York, P. G., of No. 1.

For R. W. G. Treas.

J. Wriglesworth, P. G., Rep. of No. 4, nominated by J. Sehl, P. G., Rep. of No. 1.

The G. M. appointed Rep. Humber, of No. 2, and J. York, P.G., as tellers.

ELECTION.

For Grand Master 31 votes cast.

For R. Roberts, 19 votes.

C. Gowen, 12 "

Richard Roberts, P.G., having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected.

For Deputy Grand Master 32 votes cast.

For C. Hayward, 4 votes.

J. Sehl, 8 "

W. J. Jeffree, 20 "

W. J. Jeffree, P.G., having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected.

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

J. T. Scott, P. G., being the only nominee, the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast ballot in his favor, when J. T. Scott, P.G., was declared duly elected.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

James D. Robinson, P.G., being the only nominee, he was, on motion, declared elected by acclamation.

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

J. Wriglesworth, P. G., being the only nominee, the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast ballot in his favor, when he was declared duly elected.

Report read from majority of Committee on Legislation, on portion of G.M. report referred to them.

VICTORIA, B.C., 12th February, 1877.

To the R. W. G. M, Officers and Members R. W. G. L., B. C.

BRETHREN Your Committee on Legislation beg to report that we have no evidence before us that Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, B C., acted in accordance with the laws governing Ahmeek Lodge, No. 150, Michigan, for benefits. But from their correspondence on the subject, they have shown a willingness to remunerate Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, for every dollar expended.

Therefore we can only draw our conclusions from their own correspondence that Black Diamond Lodge acted in accordance with the tenor of Ahmeek Lodge, No. 150, beneficial laws, and would recommend that the Grand Secretary communicate with Ahmeek Lodge and the Grand Master of Michigan in regard to the matter, asking a contribution from all the Lodges to assist Ahmeek Lodge in paying her just liabilities; as Black Diamond, No. 5, is as little able to bear the expense of attending to the brothers of distant Lodges, as any other Lodge; besides having from a depleted treasury and subscriptions from her members, to pay the just expenses the deceased Brother Rodgers incurred. The Grand Secretary should mention the donation of \$52 by the nurse and attendant, leaving a balance of \$86 50 due Black Diamond Lodge.

Your Legislative Committee would further state that so much of the Grand Master's report as refers to the Degree and Rebecca Lodges is premature, and we are of opinion should be struck from the G. M. report, in consequence of the very limited number of our subordinate Lodges, and the paucity of Brothers' wives to form a successful Rebecca Degree Lodge.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

J. S. DRUMMOND,

B. W. SHILES,

W. J. JEFFREE,

T. R. MITCHELL.

Committee.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That the report be adopted."

Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

Report read from same committee on dues and benefits.

VICTORIA, B. C., 12th February, 1877.

To the R. W. G. M., Officers and Members R. W. G. L., B. C.

BRETHREN—Your Legislative Committee appointed to report and frame an amendment to Article 4, of the subordinate constitution in relation to fines, dues and benefits, for the government of subordinates, whereby the financial system of our Order may be based on sounder principles, we have not yet come to any definite conclusion in regard to the matter, for the following reasons set forth, viz.:

1st—The Grand Lodge of the United States having had the same matter in consideration for some three years, and awaiting their action on such an all important matter, we remained inactive. The reports only arriving at a late date, we were unable to discuss the subject, but by reference to page 7010 Journal G. L. U. S., we find the substance of a three years' search assisted by reports from the different State grand bodies, as to the mortality and per centage necessary to charge for certain benefits allowed by subordinate Lodges, we find different views on the subject in different localities, referring perhaps to the climate and healthiness of the place. We would recommend a careful perusal of the report so far as it goes; some jurisdictions recommending three per cent. dues on the amount of benefits paid out; that would be for our Lodges 36 cents per week, while we pay only some 23½ cents. This is the actuaries' report from Virginia; in fact the court of the United States cannot come to any just conclusion until they make further enquiries; their search being based on a thirty years' system, and so we ask a continuance of time, because our Lodges are too young to discriminate upon this important subject, and will have to be guided to a great extent by the statistical report of the Grand Lodge Court at its next session.

We have the honor to be yours in F. L. T.,

J. S. DRUMMOND,

W. J. JEFFREE,

B. W. SHILES,

Committee.

Moved by Rep. Cowen, of No. 1, "That the report be received, and the question referred to a special committee, to report next session, viz.: J. S. Drummond, P. G. M., Rep. No. 1; J. Davies, P.G., Rep. No. 1; J. Wigglesworth, P.G. Rep. No. 4; W. J. Jeffree, P.G., Rep. No. 2."

Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, "That the report be received and placed on file."

Seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4.

The amendment on being put to the vote was lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, "That we do now adjourn until 7:30, p.m., to-morrow night."

Seconded and carried.

SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 7:30, p.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Grand Master. All officers present.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, and on motion adopted.

Previous to any further business being transacted, it was moved and seconded "That we adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, a.m.," which motion was carried, and the Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 14th February, 1877.

The Grand Lodge met this morning at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

Minutes of previous day's session read and adopted.

Committee on State of the Order presented the following report:

VICTORIA, B.C., Feb. 14, 1877.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

SIRS AND BROTHERS—

Your Committee on the State of the Order having examined such portions of the Grand Master's report as referred to them, would most respectfully report that as far as the progress and prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction is concerned, we consider it ably exemplified by the Most Worthy Grand Master's address, and the Grand Secretary's report, and regret that the general depression of commerce and political embarrassment in this Province, has retarded to a great extent the increase of members of Lodges, and membership in general.

As far as the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master are concerned, we concur with him on exhibit A.

Exhibit B.—We rule, (according to White's Digest, page 39, No. 165) fines are considered not dues; that assessments are to be placed in the same category, and the Grand Lodge has to determine as to the standing of the Brother at the time of being reported sick; your committee not knowing the customs of the Lodge.

Exhibit C.—We rule the same as Exhibit B.

With the other decisions of the Grand Master we concur.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

JOHN WEILER,
CHAS. GOWEN,

Majority of the Committee on State of the Order.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, "That the report be received and adopted."

Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, offered the following resolution, viz.:

"That in order to settle the vexed question of when fines and assessments become due by a Brother, be it hereby resolved, that all fines and assessments charged against a Brother on the books of a subordinate Lodge, shall be counted and considered as dues at the end of each term, for all fines and assessments that may have been levied during the term then passed."

Seconded by Rep. Weiler, of No. 1, and carried.

Committee on Finance presented the following on the portion of Grand Master's report referred to them:

VICTORIA, B.C., February 13th, 1877.

To the M. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. Lodge of British Columbia:

SIRS AND BROTHERS,—

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the financial portion of the M. W. G. Master's report, have carefully examined the same, and report as follows:

That portion of the report of the M. W. G. Master relating to the establishment of a relief association, is cordially endorsed, and we recommend that a special committee be appointed to gather such information from different protective associations that are established; also to obtain copies of Constitution and By-Laws, and report to this Grand Lodge at its next session.

The portion relating to the payment of the Outside Guardian the sum of twenty-five (\$25) dollars, we do not endorse, and recommend that portion be struck from the report.

The portion relating to the payment of Grand Instructor, we strongly recommend that no payment be allowed for G. I. by this Grand Lodge,

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
R. W. FAWCETT,

Finance Committee.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, of No. 1, "That the report be adopted."

Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

R. Roberts, of No. 1; W. J. Jeffree, of No. 2; J. Wriglesworth, of No. 4.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was on motion laid upon the table:

VICTORIA, B.C., February 13th, 1877.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

SIRS AND BROTHERS,—

Your Committee on Finance regret they cannot recommend a reduction in the assessments on the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction for the present year.

We therefore recommend that an assessment be levied on the subordinate Lodges at the following rates, viz.:

Sixty-five cents per capita, payable on the 30th of June, 1877; and twenty-five cents per capita, payable on December 31st, 1877.

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
R. W. FAWCETT,
Finance Committee.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 1:30, p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge at 1:30, p.m., resumed its sitting, and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Rep. Robinsor, of No. 1, moved "That when the Grand Lodge adjourn this day, it adjourn *sine die*."

Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved—"That the custom heretofore of the Grand Master or other Grand Officer of this R. W. Grand Lodge, charging the outlying districts with their travelling expenses, is one bearing harshly upon such Lodges and districts so visited; therefore be it resolved that when any of the Grand Officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge visit these outlying districts or Lodges for any purpose whatever pertaining to the Order, they shall not levy their travelling expenses upon said Lodges so visited, thereby placing these outlying Lodges on the same basis as those situated in Victoria District."

Rep. Todd, of No. 4, presented the following resolution, viz.:

"That the motion passed at the last annual communication, that the photograph of every retiring Grand Master be procured for this Grand Lodge be rescinded, and the following substituted, viz.:

"That any retiring Grand Master may by vote of this

G. L. have permission to place his photograph in the room occupied by this Grand Lodge."

Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, presented the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved—"That this R. W. G. L. petition the R. W. G. L. U. S. for a refund of the tax paid by this R. W. Grand Lodge to G. L. U. S.; and also request that the G. L. of B. C. be exempt from the payment of Rep. tax to G. L. U. S. That notwithstanding the proposition of this G. L. to pay their representative to the G. L. U. S., until such time as we shall have the control of the legitimate and lawful number of ten Lodges. We ask this not as a right, but from the distance we are located from the east, where the G. L. U. S. generally holds its communication; and further, from the precedent adopted by the G. L. U. S. towards the republic of Chili, and the territories of Wyoming and Utah, we of British Columbia being situated at a greater distance than either of the preceding named places." (See G. L. U. S. Journal, 1876, pages 6,946, 7,058, 7,083.)

Seconded by Rep. Fawcett, of No. 2, and carried.

Committee on Finance presented the following report:

VICTORIA, B.C., 13th February, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

BRETHREN—Your Committee on Finance recommend that the three representatives, viz., J. T. Scott, H. Elliott, and B. W. Shiles, present at the session at Victoria, be paid twenty dollars each as mileage for their attendance at this Grand Lodge.

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
R. W. FAWCETT,
Committee.

Moved by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1. "That the report be adopted."

Seconded by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, and carried.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report:

VICTORIA, B.C., 13th February, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

BRETHREN—Your Committee on Finance would recommend that a salary of one hundred dollars be paid the Grand Secretary for services during the current year.

M. J. GOODE,
W. C. LOYE,
R. W. FAWCETT,
Committee.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That the report be adopted."

Seconded by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, and carried.

Report of Committee on Finance regarding tax, was ordered to be taken from the table.

Moved by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, "That the report be adopted."

Seconded by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, and carried.

In accordance with notice of motion given last session, it was moved by Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, "That this G. L. meet next session at New Westminster, at the regular time."

Seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, and carried.

Notice of motion regarding meeting of subordinate Lodges on public holidays, moved by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, "That the resolution be adopted."

Seconded by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, and carried.

Committee on Finance reported on resolution of Rep. Drummond, No. 1, recommending that the same be adopted, on motion adopted accordingly.

Committee on Finance presented the following report:

VICTORIA, B.C., 13th February, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

BRETHREN—Your Committee on Finance recommend that the sum of ten dollars be paid to P. J. Hall, for his services as Janitor during the present session.

M. J. GOODE,

W. C. LOYE,

R. W. FAWCETT,

Committee.

Moved by Rep. Scott, of No. 3, "That the report be adopted."

Seconded by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, and carried.

The Special Committee on collecting information regarding the early history of the Order in British Columbia, asked for further time, which was on motion granted.

Notice of motion given by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, to hold session of 1879 of this R. W. Grand Lodge at Nanaimo.

The following bills were read, viz.: C. E. Redfern, \$16 50; J. Schl. \$19 50.

Moved by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, "That the bills be ordered paid."

Seconded by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That the thanks of this G. L. be tendered to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and Columbia Lodge, No. 2, for the use of their hall during the present session."

Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, "That permission be asked from the Lodges to allow the photographs belonging to this G. L. to hang in the Lodge room."

Seconded by Rep. Phillips, of No. 1, and carried.

The next business in order was installation of officers. J. S. Drummmond, P.G.M., and J. Weiler, P.G.M., presented Richard Roberts, Grand Master elect, for obligation, and he was duly installed into office.

The M.W.G.M. then installed the following:

W. J. Jeffree	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
J. T. Scott	Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson	Grand Secretary.
J. Wriglesworth	Grand Treasurer.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following, which were on motion approved, and duly installed into their respective offices:

H. Waller	W. Grand Marshal.
J. P. Goodhue	Grand Guardian.
M. J. Goode	Grand Conductor.
A. Phillips	Grand Herald.
M. Humber	Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

R. W. Fawcett, of No. 2	M. J. Goode, of No. 4.
H. Elliott, of No. 3	J. M. Read, of No. 1.
R. W. Shiles, of No. 3.	

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

C. Gowen, of No. 1	J. H. Meldram, of No. 2.
J. Schl, of No. 1	W. D. McKillean, of No. 4.
J. M. Read, of No. 1.	

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

J. Davies, of No. 1	C. Todd, of No. 4.
H. Waller, of No. 2	F. Carne, of No. 1.
J. P. Goodhue, of No. 2.	

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

J. P. Davies, of No. 2	H. Elliott, of No. 3.
M. Humber, of No. 2	C. Hayward, of No. 1.
C. Todd, of No. 4.	

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

J. Weiler, of No. 1	J. Davies, of No. 1	C. Gowen, of No. 1.
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COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

J. S. Drummmond, of No. 1	J. Schl, of No. 1.
B. W. Shiles, of No. 3	T. R. Mitchell, of No. 1.
H. Waller, of No. 3.	

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Grand Secretary.... Grand Treasurer.... J. Davies, of No. 1.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following D.D.G.M.:

C. Hayward, P.G. of No. 1, for District No. 1.

B. W. Shiles, P.G. of No. 3, for District No. 2.

E. Quesnell, P.G. of No. 5, for District No. 3.

Moved by Rep. Weiler, of No. 1, "That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed."

Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That a vote of thanks be tendered to retiring Grand Officers for the efficient manner in which the affairs of the G. L. were conducted."

Seconded by Rep. Waller of No. 2, and carried.

Minutes of the day were then read and approved.

After a few remarks from the retiring Grand Master, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES D. ROBINSON,

Grand Secretary.



ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., commencing 1st January, 1876, and ending 30th June, 1876.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Ceased Membership.	Rejected.	Members in good standing.	Revenue.
Victoria.	1	Victoria, Vancouver Island.	Monday	4	1				1					175	2875 93
Columbia.	2	Do.	Wednesday	16		2	5					5		137	2406 50
New Westminster.	3	New Westminster, B. C.	Thursday	5		1	1		1			1	1	46	473 50
Dominion.	4	Victoria, Vancouver Island.	Thursday	7					1					76	635 50
Black Diamond.	5	Nanaimo, Vancouver Island.	Saturday	6									3	46	713 50
				38	1	3	6		3			12	4	480	7104 93

ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., commencing 1st July, 1876, and ending 31st December, 1876.

Name of Lodge	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Censured Membership.	Rejected.	Members in Good standing	Revenue.
Victoria	1	Victoria, Vancouver Island.	Monday	3									1	178	1258 75
Columbia	2	Do.	Wednesday	5			1							141	1076 83
New Westminster	3	New Westminster, B.C.	Thursday	5			1			1			2	51	400 00
Dominion	4	Victoria, Vancouver Island.	Thursday	1	2	1						1	1	74	522 50
Black Diamond.	5	Nanaimo, Vancouver Island.	Saturday	14	1	1	2						4	48	352 50
										1				4	492 3610 58

LIST OF OFFICERS

Of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F., of British Columbia, for term commencing 1st January, 1877.

Lodge.	° M	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary	Treasurer.	Permanent Secretary.
Victoria..	1	E. Fawcett..	D. Dale.....	F. Davey	John Weiler, P. G..	F. Davey.
Columbia	2	J. Sears.....	G. H. Maynard..	R. W. Fawcett, P. G.	J. P. Goodhue, P. G.	W. Shears.
New Westminster.	3	G. Turner.....	Wm. McColl...	B. A. Brown.....	J. Morey.....	J. E. Insley.
Dominion ..	4	J. Batchelor..	A. J. Gray	E. Fletcher.....	T. N. Hibben.....	H. O. Tiedeman.
Black Diamond.....	5	G. Norris.....	J. Wilson.....	F. Wild.....	Wm. Reid.....	Jas. Wilcox.

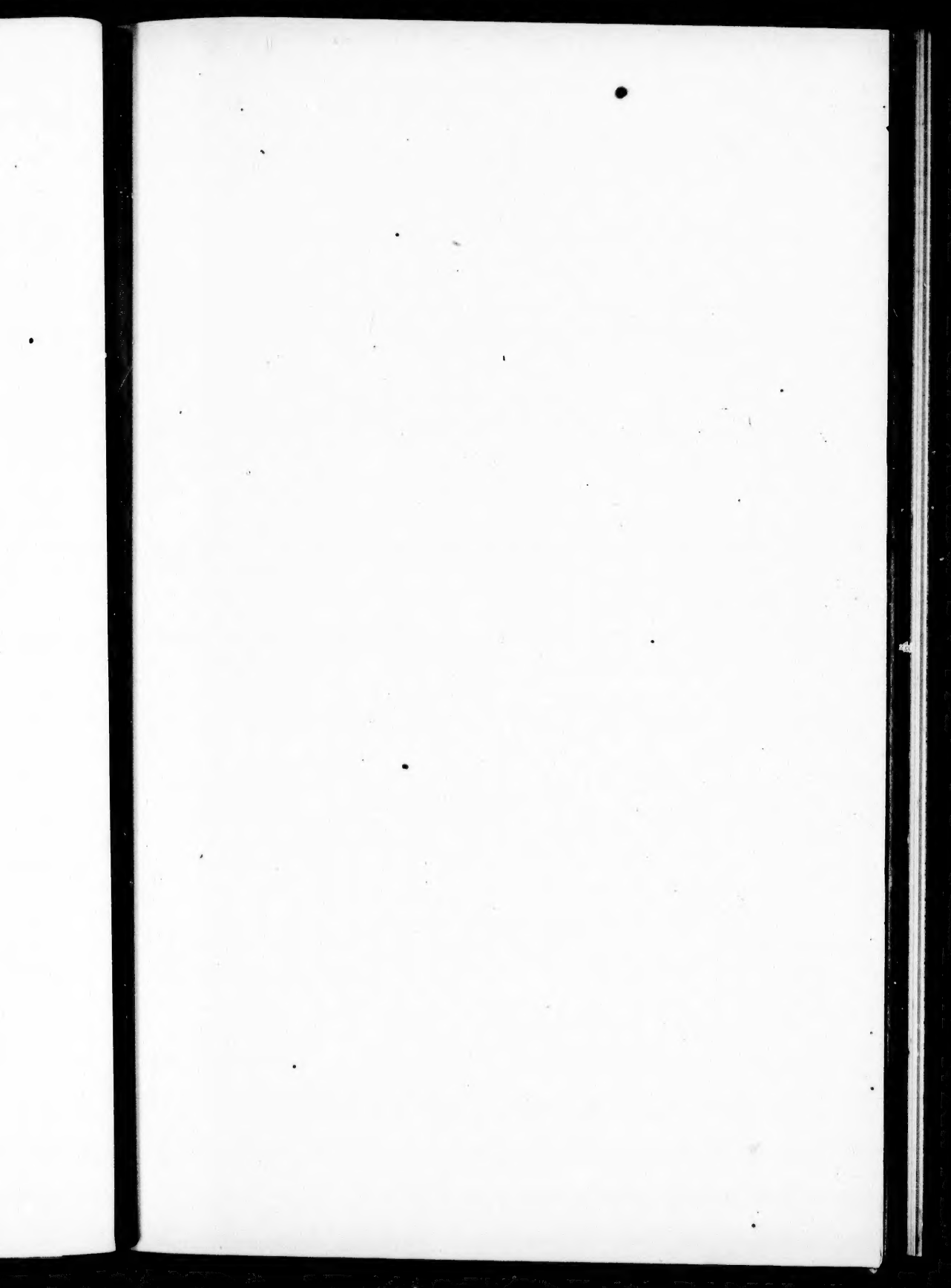
ANNUAL REPORT

Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the year
ending 31st December, 1876, to the R. W. Grand Lodge
of the United States.

Number of Lodges.....	5
„ Initiated	52
„ Admitted by Card as Ancient O. F.....	3
„ Reinstated.....	4
„ Withdrawn by Card.....	8
„ Suspended or dropped	14
„ Expelled.....	0
„ Deceased.....	3
„ Members	492
„ Of Brothers relieved.....	61
„ Of widowed families relieved.....	2

Amount paid for relief of Brothers, - - - -	\$ 3,050 00
„ „ Widowed families, - - - -	30 80
„ „ Education of Orphans, - - - -	00 00
„ „ Burying the Dead, - - - -	222 00
„ „ Special Relief, - - - -	00 00
„ „ Total Relief, - - - -	<u>\$ 3,302 00</u>
Amount of annual receipts, - - - -	<u>\$ 10,715 51</u>
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid, -	264 00





ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

R. ROBERTS.....	M.W. Grand Master.....	<i>Victoria.</i>
W. J. JEFFREE.....	R.W. Deputy Grand Master..	"
J. T. SCOTT.....	R.W. Grand Warden..	<i>New Westminster.</i>
J. D. ROBINSON.....	R.W. Grand Secretary.	<i>Victoria.</i>
J. WRIGLESWORTH...	R.W. Grand Treasurer ...	"
J. S. DRUMMOND....	R.W. Grand Representative....	"
H. WALLER.....	W. Grand Marshal.....	"
J. P. GOODHUE.....	W. Grand Guardian.	"
A. PHILLIPS	W. Grand Herald.....	"
M. HUMBER.....	W. Grand Chaplain.	"

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

J. S. DRUMMOND.....	<i>Victoria.</i>
JOHN WEILER.....	"
J. P. DAVIES.....	"

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